

Remarks

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the indication that claims 1-22 and 27-55 are allowed.

Applicant has cancelled claims 23-26 without prejudice and has amended claim 2 to correct a typographical error. As such, claims 1-22 and 27-59 are currently pending.

Claims 5, 17, 44 and 45 have been withdrawn. Applicant concurs with the indication that at least independent claims 1, 14 and 41 are generic resulting in withdrawn claims 5, 17, 44 and 45 being allowed.

In view of the above amendments, Applicant respectfully asserts that all pending claims are now in condition for allowance and the Examiner is requested to pass the case to issue.

It should be understood that the above remarks are not intended to provide an exhaustive basis for patentability or concede the basis for the rejections in the Office Action, but are simply provided to overcome the rejections made in the Office Action in the most expedient fashion. If the Examiner should have any comments or suggestions to help speed the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is requested to contact the Applicant's undersigned representative.

Respectfully submitted,

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